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The Honorable Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
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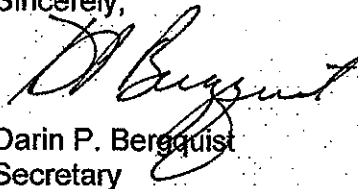
Dear Representative Herseth Sandlin:

I fully support the project to improve US Highway 16B in Rapid City. This project is included in our STIP and has been fully vetted before the public.

US highway 16B is the major tourist route to Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills in western South Dakota. The project will improve the traffic flow, safety and economic productivity of the corridor and adjacent highway segments. The project design will widen the existing roadway to provide for additional lanes and room for vehicles to safely negotiate through the corridor. The project will reduce current and future congestion on the highway and provide economic and environmental benefits for the Rapid City community and surrounding area.

I respectfully request your support of this project.

Sincerely,



Darin P. Bergquist
Secretary

Attachment